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Minutes of the City and County of Honolulu
2011 COUNCIL REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 27, 2011
4:00 p.m.
Council Committee Meeting Room
2nd Floor, Honolulu Hale

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the 2011 Council Reapportionment Commission was called to order by Chair Albi Mateo at 4:03 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT

Bernice Mau, City Clerk	Dawn Spurlin, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Glen Takahashi, Elections Administrator	Diane Kawauchi, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Chadd Kadota, Assistant Administrator	Krishna Jayaram, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Ciress Cuevo, Elections Specialist	
Nalie Felix, Senior Elections Clerk	
Elaine Hiromasa, Secretary to City Clerk	

II. ROLL CALL/QUORUM

Commissioners present: Mateo, Gaulty, Funakoshi, Kido, Komatsubara, Monis, Montes, Okubo, Park – 9

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Commission Rules

Commissioner Kido moved for the adoption of the Commission Rules and Commissioner Komatsubara seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING/DISCUSSION

1. Population Base – 2010 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) and “Permanent Resident” Base
2. Criteria used for drafting prior redistricting plans

Mr. Clifton Takamura provided testimony.

Mr. Glen Takahashi, Elections Administrator, provided a presentation on population base and criteria used for drafting prior redistricting plans.

The Commissioners discussed the population base used in past reapportionment plans. In response to a request from one of the Commissioners, Mr. Krishna Jayaram, Deputy Corporation Counsel, described to the Commission a 1991 Hawaii Supreme Court Case where the plaintiffs claimed that the community of Waipahu was being impermissibly divided into three council districts. The Court ruled in favor of the City and County of Honolulu in that case.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. For discussion and action: Population base to be used
2. For discussion and action: Guidelines/Criteria for drafting proposed Redistricting plans

Chair Mateo announced that she would take up Items Nos. 1 and 2 together. There were no objections.

Ms. Shannon Wood and Ms. Lynne Matusow testified in favor of including non-resident military personnel and their dependants, felons, and college students. Mr. Philmund Lee altered his previous testimony of July 13, 2011 to instead recommend using empirical data to allow adjustments for the population.

The Commission deliberated on excluding non-permanent residents from the population base. Mr. Jayaram opined that if the Commission wishes to extract any group it must articulate a rational state policy for doing so and it must ensure that the extraction is done accurately and precisely.

Vice Chair Gaulty moved to defer the decision on population base to the next meeting pending additional information from the State Reapportionment Commission. Commissioner Park seconded and the motion passed. Commissioners voting in support of the motion: Mateo, Gaulty, Funakoshi, Kido, Komatsubara, Monis, Okubo, Park; in opposition: Montes.

To inform the Commission on how to proceed with creating reapportionment plans, Mr. Jayaram explained the use of a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG).

Commissioner Park moved to defer action on guidelines and criteria for drafting proposed redistricting plans and Commissioner Kido seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING(S)/DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Clifton Takamura provided testimony.

Vice Chair Gaulty moved that the next meetings be held on August 24, 2011 and September 7, 2011 at 4:00 p.m., and that the next agenda include the unfinished business of population base and guidelines for drafting proposed redistricting plans along with a briefing on PIG, approval of minutes, tips from past plans, and possible assistance from the technical staff of the State Reapportionment Commission. Commissioner Kido seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Kido to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Commissioner Komatsubara. There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: August 24, 2011